



Fence Information and Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Do I need a permit to install/erect a fence?

A.No

Q. Where can I put my fence in relation to my property line?

A. There are no requirements within our Zoning Ordinance that specifies where fences can be located, however it is recommended that you:

- Place all fence posts or structures completely on your own land. There is often a portion of land between the traveled way and your property line and you must be careful that the fence is located on your property. If the fence is located in the street right-of-way, then you will be asked to remove it.
- Fences require normal maintenance, such as painting, etc, and this should be done while standing on your own property, not your neighbors. There is no inherent right to trespass on your neighbor's land to maintain your fence.
- Any fence located near a driveway or roadway should be setback to allow for adequate site distance for vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

Q. Is there a maximum height on fences?

A. The Zoning Ordinance specifies for side and back property lines shall not exceed eight feet in height. Fences and walls for front property lines shall not exceed four feet in height. State Law stipulates that any fence or other structure in the nature of a fence, unnecessarily exceeding 6 feet in height, maliciously kept and maintained for the purpose of annoying the owners or occupants of adjoining property, shall be deemed a private nuisance. You will be requested to remove it.

Q. Can fence posts be used to install yard lights or to attach signs?

A. A fence can be used to install yard lighting, although the lights must be shielded to prevent lighting neighboring properties.

A permit is required for signs exceeding 9 sq ft in size. If the sign is over 9 sq ft then it will be reviewed specific to the location.

Q. How deep should fence posts be placed below grade?

A. Below the frost line (4 ft+/-).